whatever is happening in Kerala, whether it is Maniappan's case, whether it is Naushad's case, the Chief Minister will be taking up the matter with the Prime Minister, with a copy to out Ministry. He has been doing it. The Prime Minister means, the Government of India; the Chief Minister means, the Government of Kerala, and whatever I say, it is on behalf of the Government of India, and wherever it is given to the Prime Minister, why are the hon. Members just segregating it? ... (*Interruptions*)...I do not understand ...(*Interruptions*)...

SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY (Orissa): Sir, the Prime Minister is not the Government of India. The Chief Minister of Kerala is not the Government of Kerala... (*Interruptions*)...

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Nothing will go on record.

GOVERNMENT BILLS

The Carriage by Road Bill, 2005

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): Sir, I beg to move for leave to introduce a Bill to provide for the regulation of common carriers, limiting their liability and declaration of value of goods delivered to them to determine their liability for loss of, or damage to, such goods occasioned by the negligence or criminal acts of themselves, their servants or agents and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

SHRI T.R. BAALU: Sir, I introduce the Bill.

The Punjab General Sales Tax (as in force in the Union Territory of Chandigarh) Repeal Bill, 2005

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): Sir, I beg to move:

> "That the Bill to repeal the Punjab General Sales Tax Act, 1948, as in force in the Union Territory of Chandigarh, as passed by Lok Sabha, be taken into consideration."

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Now, we shall take up Clause-by-Clause consideration of the Bill.

Clause 2 was added to the Bill.

Clause 1, the Enacting Formula and the

Title were added to the Bill.

SHRI S. REGUPATHY: Sir, I beg to move:

That the Bill be retured.

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

SHORT DURATION DISCUSSION
On Internal Security Scenario in the Country

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL): Sir, I am grateful to you and to the House that I have this opportunity to reply to the debate which took place sometime back. I would like to start by thanking Mr. Arun Shourie for raising this issue. He made some very good points. I will be replying to those points later. With some of the points which were made by him, I do not agree. I will explain as to why I do not agree. I would also like to thank Mr. Vayalar Ravi, who intervened and made some very good points. Dr. P.C. Alexandar also has made very valid points, and I will be replying to those points also.

Mr. Jethmalani also made some very valid points. I think I had to accept what he had said because those point are very pertinent and valid. I would like to thank other hon. Members also for participating in this debate.

Last time when the debate had taken place, Mr. Shourie was not in the House, and he had written me a letter saying that he had to go to attend some function or some duties somewhere else. And I had said, "Well, I don't mind. The reply will be on the record, and it can be seen by him." I am happy that he is here today. Not only he is here today, but I was told that he had cancelled his trip abroad also; I am grateful to him.

Sir, last time, I had said that I would not be able to reply to all the points made by the hon. Members, and I would give a written reply. We did